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1. FONOFF SECURITY DIVISION HAS INFORMED US THAT IT
IS PROCEEDING WITH BRIEFING OF FONOFF VICE MINISTER ON PROPOSAL WITH
VIEW TO OBTAINING CONCURRENCE OF FONOFF AND IF NECESSARY
POLITICAL LEVELS NOW THAT NEW GOJ CABINET HAS BEEN FORMED.
WITH THIS IN MIND, SECURITY DIVISION HAS POSED FOLLOWING
QUESTIONS. WHILE ANSWERS ARE REQUESTED ASAP, FONOFF
ASSURES US IT WILL GO AHEAD WITH BRIEFINGS NOTING QUESTIONS
THAT REMAIN TO BE ANSWERED. ANSWERS MAY BE CLASSIFIED BUT
IF GOJ DECIDES POSITIVELY AND THESE QUESTIONS COME UP IN
THE DIET IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO DEVELOP UNCLASSIFIED GUIDELINES
FOR INTERPELLATIONS.

2. FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE ASKED:
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A. IS THERE ANY POSSIBILITY ROK AIR FORCE WILL
USE THIS SYSTEM IN FORSEEABLE FUTURE? (PER REFTTEL, WE
HAVE TOLD FONOFF COMMANDO LION WOULD MEET U.S. NEEDS
UNTIL LATE 1980'S)

B. WHAT TYPES OF US MILITARY PLANESE ARE EQUIPPED TO
USE LORAN C? (WE HAVE MENTIONED P3C'S, AND FONOFF HAS

OFFERED TO EMPHASIZE OTHER MILITARY USES, IF SUCH BE
THE CASE, WHICH WOULD BE LESS SENSITIVE THAN TACTICAL
BOMBING.)

C. IS US SIDE DEVELOPING NEW TYPES OF PGM'S WHICH
CAN BE DIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH LORAN C? (FONOFF REFERRED
TO PUBLICATION ENTITLED "MILITARY FUNCTIONS OF
OMEGA AND LORAN C" FROM OSLO INTERNATIONAL PEACE RESEARCH
INSTITUTE WHICH ALLEGES THAT SUCH DEVELOPMENT IS UNDERWAY.)

D. WILL USG MAKE ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF
SYSTEM, AND IN PARTICULAR WILL IT STATE THAT TACTICAL
BOMBING CAPABILITY IN KOREA HAS BEEN ENHANCED?
(WE NOTE FY 1977 DOD ANNUAL REPORT STATES ON PAGE 142
THAT LORAN D WILL BE DEPLOYED TO GERMANY TO ASSIST
ALL-WEATHER NAVIGATION AND BOMBING.)
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